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1. WE CONSIDER AMF TRAINING EXERCISES TO BE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO NATO. FYI: REIMBURSEMENT TO THE DANES FOR POL SUPPLIES USED IN THIS EXERCISE DOES NOT SET A PRECEDENT IN THAT IT HAS BEEN USCINCEUR'S OPTION IN PREVIOUS EXERCISES TO REPLACE FUEL STOCKS IN KIND. THIS HAS PROVEN CHEAPER THAN REPAYMENT IN DOLLAR INSTRUMENTS DUE TO THE HIGHER COST OF POL IN THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED. END FYI. WE UNDERSTAND THAT OTHER ALLIES HAVE AGREED TO
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THIS PROCEDURE, THEREFORE YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO ASSURE

DANISH AMBASSADOR THAT US CAN REPLACE IN KIND THAT FUEL IT
DRAWS FROM DANISH STOCKS.

2. YOU SHOULD ADVISE OTHER PARTICIPATING MEMBERS OF THIS
DECISION. IN LIGHT OF PRECEDENT DANISH POSITION MAY SET
FOR FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS AND FUTURE PROBLEMS THAT MAY ARISE
WITH REGARD TO POL IN USE IN NATO EXERCISES OVER MONTHS
AHEAD, WE BELIEVE THAT THE NATO AUTHORITIES SHOULD REVIEW
THE QUESTION OF FUTURE EXERCISES FROM POLITICAL AND MILITARY
POINTS OF VIEW, WITH AIM OF REACHING AGREEMENT ON POLICY
TO BE PURSUED JOINTLY. THIS WILL BE SUBJECT OF A SEPTTEL.
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